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UNITED ON BERNAL

Audrey O'Gilvie has raised nine children and one granddaughter in Bernal Heights since moving here in 1961. A longtime community activist, she is on the Board of Directors of the Bernal Heights Community Foundation, and is a member of the Community Center Committee of the BHCF.

Jeanne Angier: Mrs. Audrey O'Gilvie, you founded Brothers and Sisters United about ten years ago, and it's still going strong. Could you tell us something about your program?

Audrie O'Gilvie: I'd be glad to. Brothers and Sisters United is a tutorial and recreational program for young people living in Bernal Heights.

JA: What happened that caused you to organize the program?

AO'G: Well, my teenage son and some of his friends came to me one day, complaining that they were unable to find summer jobs. I was working fulltime downtown that summer, but during my lunch break I would catch the bus and come meet with about 12 teenagers in Bernal Playground. I was able to help a few of them find jobs through the Neighborhood Youth Corps, but we weren't very well organized at that time and the program was mostly recreational.

JA: How did Brothers and Sisters United develop and change?

AO'G: It became clear to us that we needed more than a recreational program. During our third summer Brothers and Sisters United became a tutorial program as well, and that's the way it's been ever since.

JA: How does the program work these days?

AO'G: Young people between the ages of 14 and 21, who live in Bernal Heights, hear about the program and come to us for jobs. Each of them fills out an application and if they qualify, their job is to go out into the community and find two or three small children to work with.

JA: What kind of work do the teenagers do with the children?

AO'G: That depends on the age of the



WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Well, John Mackin [second from left, wearing overalls and hat] still lives across the street from 88 Peralta, where this photo was taken in 1913.

child. The teenagers teach the alphabet, numbers, reading, and do crafts and play games with the kids.

JA: Do the teenagers receive any training for their work as tutors?

AO'G: Yes, they do. We have an orientation for our tutors and we spend a lot of time talking during the summer about ways to work effectively with the children. We also talk about how each person is handling the work—whether they are on time, are responsible, how they can improve their work, and about ways they can prepare themselves for jobs outside of the community.

JA: Do the tutors working in Brothers and Sisters United get paid for their work?

AO'G: Yes. The Mayor's Summer Youth Program pays the tutors' salaries. The tutors can also receive 5 units of high school credit for their work.

JA: How many teenagers do you plan to have working in Brothers and Sisters United this summer?

AO'G: We expect to have between 30 and 60 youths coming through our center each day this summer, looking for jobs and to work in the program.

JA: Do you help teenagers find jobs outside

of Brothers and Sisters United?

AO'G: We try to do that, too. Most of our youth are interested in working in the Bernal community, but sometimes we are able to help place teenagers in jobs with the Park and Recreation Department or other agencies.

JA: What would you say the benefits are for the young people who work with you in Brothers and Sisters United?

AO'G: The program is very good for the small children. They learn to get along with other kids. They learn to share. The ones who speak other languages at home learn English.

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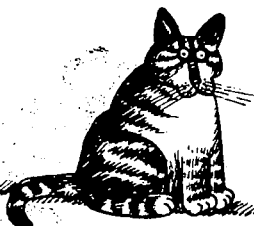
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Dear Editors,

The letter from the woman attacked on Anderson by young boys really moved me because a similar thing happened to me. She is going through the same reaction: afraid to walk in her own neighborhood alone, and fantasizing on how she might have behaved differently to her attackers.

I too pondered if it might not have been a favor to them to kick them swiftly, viciously in the groin. Might that teach them something they need to learn? Nobody knows. Until someone can prove that inflicting pain *does* teach such persons, we dare not try it, I think. I have concluded that there are four sound reasons not to use violence in a case like this: (1) A severe enough blow to the groin could mess him up for life (punishment worse than the crime); (2) could cause him to retaliate with a knife or a gun and do you some *real* harm; (3) could crystalize his hate and anger—set him in his ways all the more, i.e. aggravate his emotional problems; or (4) there is always the remote possibility this is just a one-of-a-kind youthful prank of otherwise soon-to-be-good-citizens—in that case again the punishment is too severe.

So—what choice have you but to forgive, and to live with the world as it is. You can only control your own behaviour. You can not walk the streets without staying alert. But you must remain optimistic that lightning probably doesn't usually strike twice in the same place.

But by the way, one thing I definitely do *not* feel is guilt, for my still-occurring fantasies about what I MIGHT have done to the little sh--s, had not common sense prevailed.

Name withheld



Dear Editors,

About the accidents on Bernal Heights Boulevard—I walk that mile every day and to me it is a miracle that there aren't more collisions than there are. The offending speeding drivers always seem to be good looking young men with not a trace of common sense or survival instinct. They drive as if murder- or suicide-bound. Luckily you can always hear them coming and be ready to dive over the side if need be. I doubt if bumps would slow them down, as abusing their cars seems to be part of the fun for them. Maybe painting a solid line down the middle in the most dangerous curves, and broken lines where it's safe to pass, might help? I'd vote for bumps and for lines if I knew where to vote.

While I'm at it, where do we vote for a society with affordable schooling or meaningful jobs—whichever these young people might prefer (to give them less time for joyriding)

Nervous Jogger

Dear Editors:

An update to my letter about safety on Bernal Hill: Judy Forsberg succeeded in getting the Director of the Department of Public Works to agree to paint a centerline and put up slow signs on the Hill within the next few months. Of course, we'll still need to keep parked cars off of the road and to take all precautions so that no more needless accidents occur.

Thanks for your good work, Judy.

Yours Truly,
Phyllis S. Shulman



from
the
editors

Bravo, Nancy Walker, for being a true representative of our district during the Mayor's revenue package/MUNI fair hike circus at the Board of Supervisors. Nancy and her staff consulted with representatives from District 9 neighborhoods, and held strong on her position against doubling MUNI fares, throughout the grueling ordeal.

Well, Bernal Heights made it into *Herb Caen* again—but who is this mysterious *Grandma Jean*, and where are these scandalous parties she appears at?

Puff! The magic dragon mural on Cortland at Moultrie disappeared. Sure will miss it.

Congrats to Jay Martinez and David Shriber, who became Mr. and Mrs. on February 16 at St. Anthony's. May you live in Bernal bliss! (blissful Bernal!?)

And now for something completely depressing...

Sincere apologies to contributors whose articles were cut or severely edited. Some much-needed ads were grabbed at the last minute.

The *Journal* is in sad shape as far as finances and staffing. For this reason, we have cancelled the JULY-AUGUST issue so we can put energy into keeping the *Journal* alive.

The *BJ* is a volunteer operation. It seems that in these hard times, people who can afford to donate their time are scarce.

We have three serious problems:

First, we need a distribution coordinator—someone to plan out a distribution network and coordinate delivery. It's not difficult—it just takes time.

Second, we need people to do advertising. This is the only job on the *BJ* that *pays*. If you need a few dollars and want to serve your community, drop us a line.

Finally, we need money. We have a cash flow problem—that is, our ad money comes in a month after we need to pay our bills. We must get ahead. We accept donations with open hand and drooling mouth. Also, a fundraiser is one of our summer projects.

One final note: Patronize our advertisers. Tell them you saw their ad in the *BJ*.

Special thanks to... Jeff Cook—yet another renter being priced out of Bernal Heights—for the light table for layout. And to Kate Esposito, who's been a one-woman distribution network in her spare(?) time.

This Phoenix, Arizona billboard's got the spirit of the Elsie Street Plan—too bad the developer's intentions aren't so pure...

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Bernal Balks at Budget



Photo by Libby Frost
BHA President Pat Helton talks shop with the Mayor.

by R.J. Dutra

Mayor Dianne Feinstein may have sold her "Revenue Package" to the Board of Supervisors, but she found some tougher customers at the Bernal Branch Library.

Despite the slick, well-rehearsed sales pitch delivered by Her Honor and the obedient Department heads present, the 350 Bernalians crowded into the Library last March 13th did not buy the Mayor's bill of goods.

They grew restless as the mayor's budget specialist, Rudy Nothenberg, dryly recited the monotonous litany of fiscal woes. They grumbled as the Department heads threatened to cut 300 local jobs, bus service, police, the Library, fire protection, parks, schools, recreation... even the airport.

They sat on their hands while the Mayor delivered her solutions.

One of the "solutions" is the \$.50 MUNI fare hike. This action was heatedly opposed by Bernal's bus users. Nancy Walker, District Nine Supervisor, was one of only three Board members to hold out against the Mayor's demand that fares be doubled.

Most of the rest of the "Revenue Package" socks it to motorists by increasing parking fees and fines. A few token surcharges are to be levied on Downtown businesses, but these require an unlikely two thirds voter approval.

The majority of the "Revenue Package" comes out of the pockets of San Franciscans: They pay the bills to service the commuter and the tourist; they live in neglected neighborhoods while the City's revenues flow into keeping Downtown a suitable place to work and to visit.

"They continue to tax the little man," said Justine Eddins of Mission Headstart, "but

what about the big man Downtown who has the money!?"

Pat Helton, Bernal Hts. Assoc. president, turned to the Mayor saying, "Do you know the difference in cutting something from someone who has a lot, and cutting something from somebody who has little? It was the rich who saved from (Proposition) 13. Take it out of their pockets and put it back in San Francisco where it belongs."

Residents loudly applauded these statements and shouted "Tax the Rich," "Tax Downtown," "Get Off Our Backs!!!"

Father James O'Malley of St. Kevin's closed the meeting by thanking the Mayor and other officials for coming, "By coming here you see how much the City and this neighborhood mean to us... this is our home."

Our Platform

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In preparing for the mayor's budget hearing in Bernal, representatives from the Bernal Heights Association, the Cortland Ave. Merchants, Northwest Bernal Block Club, Bernal Heights Community Foundation, Powhattan Strip Block Club and other Bernal residents agreed to the following neighborhood platform:

1. A \$.35 standard MUNI fare, a \$.05 senior fare, \$14.00 Fast Pass, \$2.50 Discount Senior Pass, \$1.00 cable car fare and a way to subsidize riders on fixed incomes.
2. The Bernal Library must remain open. No reduced services.
3. No cutbacks in city services.
4. No lay-offs of city workers.
5. 75% of Community Development Block Grant Funds must go to support low and moderate income neighborhoods like Bernal Heights.
6. Have Downtown Corporate Interests pay 60% of the tax revenue needed to pay for city services they use.

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Edited by Teri Jackson

Ed. note: This is first in a series of articles dealing with collectives in Bernal Heights and San Francisco.

In San Francisco there are a multitude of collectives. Bernal Heights has its share of working and living collectives. In this article I will talk about several in Bernal Heights.

One might ask, "What is a collective?" A collective is a system of ownership where the people as a whole own and control the materials and means of production and distribution—in other words, it's a group of people who believe that decision making is of the utmost importance and that each person takes on equal responsibility.

Bernal Heights Law Collective

The Bernal Heights Law Collective is composed of three full-time attorneys, Billy Corman, Gail Donaldson, and Richard Ingram, and a fluctuating number of legal workers and law students. The core members of the collective have worked together since 1976, and began practicing law in 1979.

Members of the Collective are residents of the Bernal Heights Community, and are active participants in its grass-roots community organizations. They are committed to providing low-cost legal services to working and minority people.

The collective practices a wide range of law with emphasis in: personal injury, domestic, labor, landlord-tenant, consumer, criminal, SSI appeals and Wills. The fee schedule is flexible to reflect various economic levels. There is no charge to a new client for the first half-hour consultation.

Mission Blue Cafe

The Mission Blue Cafe, located on the corner of Precita and Folsom, at the site of the former Precita Park Cafe, is one of Bernal Heights' newest collective ventures. Thirteen people pulled together to form the collective that operates it. When the Mission Blue Cafe opened its doors with a free party for the neighborhood on February 14, it was the realization of a dream many of them had shared for two years.

The collective traces its roots back to the formation of the Inner Sunset Community Food Store, a now thriving co-operative at 9th Ave. and Lincoln. Other collective members were subsequently recruited as a network of people formed and grew, with interests that included the Bound Together Books collective, and involvement in the anti-nuclear movement.

The collective's goal is to run a successful community cafe, serving good food and drink at fair prices, while supporting neighborhood, political, and cultural activities (and hopefully themselves) in the process.

The members of the Mission Blue Collective pooled their resources and shared their skills and time. To them, collectives aren't political oddities or social experiments, they are a powerful, practical way for people to take control of their lives and to change the world around them.

Nanny Goat Gallery

Nanny Goat Gallery was formed in 1973 as an alternative to the usual galleries most artists deal with. Presently there are fourteen members who run the space. Each member has a time slot in which they are able to exhibit their work. The Gallery is located at 3205 Folsom (at Precita).



Photo by Joan Kelley

Little People's Workshop

The Little People's Workshop was begun by a group of parents who wanted to share childcare for both the benefit of children and parents. They began by going to each others' houses, but that soon became unmanageable as the size of the groups and the children grew. In the summer of '74 they joined another parent coop, YOHEY, at Buena Vista School. That fall LPW found a storefront at 416 Cortland Ave. and Yoey became a pilot program in the SFUSD as a children's center Community Development, eventually rejoined Yoey.

At this time the fourth LPW is still a parent run childcare center primarily for working neighborhood parents. The site improves as each group's energy adds to its development. LPW is truly a neighborhood fixture.

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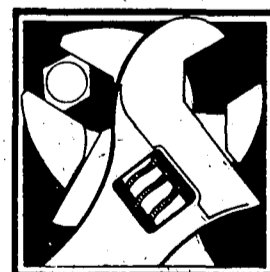
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1. Why did you vote to place a proposition on the June ballot which, if passed, would rescind the bond issue which finances the City's \$2 billion Wastewater Program? Won't this place the City in violation of the law and cause a ban on building?

I added my name to this proposition most reluctantly because no one knows precisely what the effects will be. However, we do know that the Master Plan, as approved, cannot be built—San Francisco does not have enough money, and neither the State or Federal government will give us enough money. Therefore the Master Plan will have to be substantially changed; but the Wastewater Program staff has refused to tell the Board or the people of San Francisco how they intend to scale down the Plan. In the meantime, the people of the district and the City are burdened by increasing sewer service charges and disrupted by construction of the planned cross-town tunnel which will pass through much of District 9.

2. How do you feel about the Mayor's revenue package, the Supervisor's treatment of it, and Bernal Heights' participation in the whole process?

I especially want to thank the BHA and BHCF for their support and cooperation during the Muni/Revenue Package hearings and in the Bernal meeting with the Mayor. The visible and vocal support of District 9 residents is the best defense against the political pressures exerted at City Hall.

The \$.50 Muni fare was a key element in the Revenue Package sent to the Board of Supervisors by the Mayor's office and the PUC. The Revenue Package was the product of negotiations between the Mayor and the Chamber of Commerce, and was agreed to by the Labor Council. After three days and nights of debate in the Board, with several Members attempting to minimize the Muni fare increase and maximize business taxes, the entire package passed out of the Board as written.

Never has corporate control of our government been more flagrant. Greg Hurst, the Chamber's V.P. for Public Affairs, was present for the entire twenty-odd hours of meeting, huddling in corners with various members of the Mayor's office, the PUC, the Board, and the Labor Council. As one Supervisor stated quite frankly, "The Chamber has agreed to just this package and not one penny more." If downtown was asked to pay one penny more, they would campaign against the entire package and block the 2/3 vote needed (after Prop. 13) to enact any tax increase. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors could not add to, delete from, or amend in any way, the Revenue Package before us.

So now we have a \$.50 Muni fare and increased parking meters and parking fees. Business taxes and other taxes totalling some \$60 million will not go into effect unless passed by a 2/3 vote of the people in June. And even if all of these taxes are approved, we still face a severe fiscal crisis. We must set priorities for making cuts, determining what services we must provide for our citizens—health care, transit, police and fire protection, parks and libraries—and what we simply cannot afford.

Ed. Note: Supervisor Walker is setting up a District Nine Budget Committee to study and monitor this process and work with her in developing reasonable positions and priorities. People with some budgetary knowledge or experience are especially needed. If you are interested in the Budget Committee, please be in touch with her office.

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BHA THOUGHTS

from Pat Helton

Recently several people showed up for a meeting to talk about organizing Bernal Heights. Word was that the meeting was interesting, and here are some ideas which emerged...

We need a clearing house for good ideas generated in the neighborhood about city-wide problems, and about directions and projects for Bernal Heights, etc.

We need to use the *Bernal Journal* to get out information to neighbors. Also we could use the *BJ* to find out what people are thinking—perhaps through opinion polls.

In addition, we need to mobilize the neighborhood for needed action—Large neighborhood meetings should have a focus, and have specific facts available... We should create standing committees... List jobs that need to be done for the neighborhood, so people could volunteer... Draw up simple guidelines for organizing so more people could participate... Contact existing block clubs... Create an environment for getting acquainted... Present both sides of an issue; be flexible and open to different opinions... Develop a democratic process.

In broadening the base of the BHA, we have a marketing problem. What is the product? The benefits? Most people don't like bureaucracy or structure, but we need to be united on issues that we take stands on.

In a subsequent meeting, opinions tended towards organizing block clubs in Bernal Heights, and having a representative of each block club, plus representatives of other neighborhood groups, churches and schools meet as a Council. In order to create these block clubs we need neighborhood people to offer their homes for meetings. What do you think of the Council idea? Would you be willing to help start a block club in your area? Contact Kate Esposito, 647-4255 or drop in at 399 Cortland, our neighborhood office.

I personally agree with these organizing ideas. I think it is important to us all to create a democratic way to determine neighborhood opinion, so the leadership will not be taking a stand contrary to our best interests. Also, we need to be able to mobilize people when our best interests are threatened (such as the recent threat to our library).

But, in addition to the neighborhood organization, how we think and feel—within the organizing network—is equally important. What we do when we see a problem. How much effort we can put into being useful for the neighborhood. How open we are to learning new skills (such as moderating a meeting or doing research on a problem). How much we are willing to work on getting along with other people, possibly different from ourselves in some aspects. How much patience we can muster. How much understanding.

Right now, times are rough. And, probably, times are going to get worse. Already many of our services are being threatened (Health Center #3, S.F. General Hospital, our Library). There is less and less money in the public service area to meet more and more problems. As a neighborhood, to even keep a semblance of the quality of our present life style, we must present a united front to downtown interest and politicians.

With this issue of the *Bernal Journal*, we are actively soliciting YOUR OPINIONS. Write to the *BERNAL JOURNAL*. COME TO THE BERNAL HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION MEETING THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 7:30, at St. Kevins. Open agenda for neighborhood concerns, factual presentations of problems affecting us, and time to meet your neighbors. Membership in the BHA can be the first step to involvement. Free subscription to the *Bernal Journal* included for \$2. Also if you already receive the *BJ*, check your mailing label. Your dues may be due. □

ISSUES DEBATE

The Bernal Heights Association will sponsor a debate on several controversial ballot propositions to help inform voters prior to the June 3 election. The debate will be held on Thursday, May 15, 7:30 p.m., at St. Kevin's Church, 704 Cortland St. The issues to be debated include Proposition 9 (income tax reduction) and Proposition 10 (rent control). Representatives from organizations campaigning on both sides of these issues have been invited to speak.

Any interested citizens are cordially invited to attend—not just Bernal Heights residents.



Carnaval 1980 proved to be a multi-cultural celebration of Spring featuring street dancing and an entire afternoon of merrymaking in Dolores Park.

A year's worth of planning and working went into the Sunday, April 13th event. It was produced by the Carnaval 1980 Committee, and sponsored by the Precita Center and the San Francisco Arts Commission.

Carnaval '80 was born out of the successful Carnaval held at Precita Park in February, 1979. Carnaval is an international tradition taking root in San Francisco, due largely to the City's rich cultural mix and pool of local talent.

African, Caribbean and Brazilian rhythms set the pace for this free flowing festival of fantasies; the success of which already has people looking forward to Carnaval 1981! □



Photo by Angus MacKenzie

UP IN SMOKE... Fifteen-foot flames defy the courageous efforts of firefighters as fire destroys 238 Bonview St. at dawn on Friday March 21. No serious injuries were sustained, but damages were estimated at \$85,000 to the unoccupied house.

Bernal Beautiful

by K.M. Esposito

The Department of Public Works is attempting to implement mechanized street sweeping by the end of this year in Bernal Heights on every street. In the light of the fiscal crisis facing the city, DPW's position is that the cost of keeping out streets clean can be cut by at least one half. What does that mean for residents of Bernal? In our favor, we can expect that abandoned cars would be towed away more often and a more thorough cleaning of streets. The sewer catches and one-block streets would be swept by manual sweepers on occasion. On the other hand, because parking would be banned for 2-3 hours on one side of every street on one weekday morning or afternoon, we can expect more parking tickets for violations, more signs instead of street trees, and the loss of CETA workers as manual sweepers. DPW maintains there would be no lay-offs of city employees as a result of mechanization. They also say we have no choice but to accept the plan. But after all, who lives here, DPW or Bernal residents? In light of the above information, **WHAT DO YOU THINK?** Please fill our the poll box below and return it to the library at 500 Cortland or the Bernal Heights Community Foundation office at 299 Cortland Ave.

- ☐ I think mechanized street sweeping is a good idea for Bernal Heights.
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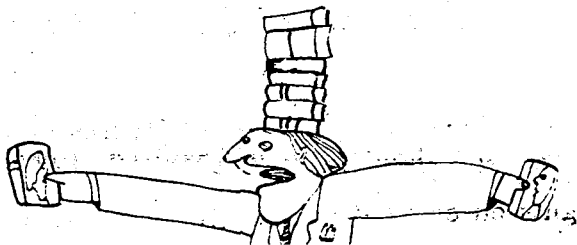
Health Center 3

BERNAL MURAL PROJECT MEETS WEDNESDAYS

by Arch Williams

As the banner on the front of the Bernal Library reads, EXPRESS YOURSELF—The Bernal Mural is *Your Mural*. And this is exactly the attitude of the group which has been meeting weekly to discuss the theme, design and painting of a mural for the library. There are exhibits of mural art in the library, and slides of community murals, including those from the famous Mexican Mural Renaissance. Arch Williams, Bernal resident, has been chosen by the community Mural Committee to direct and coordinate the library mural activities. The committee wants to make this mural strong and beautiful, reflecting the uniqueness of Bernal Heights, and including a memorial to Arturo Duran.

Your ideas, talent, and energy are needed to make this happen. The design should be completed as soon as possible so the mural can be painted this summer. Interested people and volunteer artists are encouraged to join the mural committee, which meets every Wednesday at the Library, 500 Cortland, 7:30-9:00 p.m. For more information, please ask at the library.



BERNAL LIBRARY SCHEDULE

Adult music programs:

- Wednesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m.

A Flute duet of classical music with Gail Edwards and Wayne Basker

- Wednesday, June 4, 7:30

A concert of chamber music with Wayne Basker, Flute, Michelle Bergman, Cello, and Mark Davis, Violin.

Children's preschool story hours Wednesdays at 7:00 (ages 3-5)

Films for children:

- Tuesday, June 3

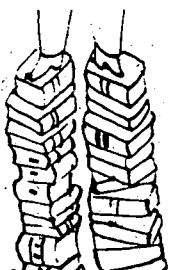
Preschool films about "Mischievous mice" at 10:15, and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Films for age 6 and up about "city kids" at 4:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, June 17

Preschool films about children's adventures at 10:15, 11:00 and 2:00

Films for age 8 and up celebrating "Juneteenth" about Malcolm X, Aretha Franklin, and Gordon Parks at 4:00



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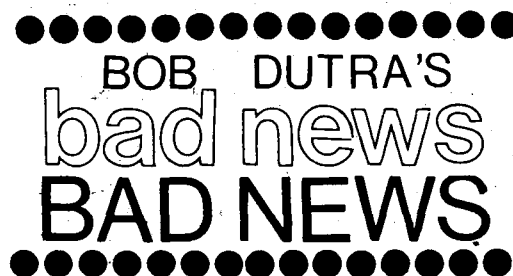
Monday, Thursday, Friday 1-6:00 Questions answered.
Tuesday 10-12:00, 1-6:00 Suggestions given.
Wednesday 1-9:00 Advice offered.

Local Boy Makes Good

Doubleday has just published another book by Bernal Heights author-in-residence, Steve Chapple: *Don't Mind Dying*.

Steve's latest book is "a novel of country lust and urban decay;" it tells the story of an odd couple's odyssey across the United States to San Francisco.

"Rock and Roll is Here to Pay" was Steve's last effort. He is also a former editor of the Bernal Journal. Hopefully our local author's works will soon be available in the Bernal Library. □



by Bob Dutra

As of July, our Library at best will be open only three days a week, and at worst it will be shut completely. "That's dead 'n stinking."

Bad News for Youth: They have had their schools, recreation, libraries, training and employment cutback... now the rumor is those 300 new cops are going to concentrate on youth crimes... might as well arrest 'em and keep them detained if not occupied.

In-the-Beginning, Bernal's health food store, joins the list of local businesses closing down, once again due to rising rent.

A woman on Folsom St. had her baby knocked from her hands during a purse snatching; miraculously neither was hurt... Now they are complaining of pot shots on Arlington St. Three people were stabbed in one weekend on the empty lot across Potrero Ave. from Rolph Park. Rec. & Park is barricading the area with dirt mounds; why don't they just go ahead and build the new park?

It is Spring... and FLEAS are busting out all over; rid your pet and home now!

Speaking of pests: A gang led by El Mosco (The Fly) broke into the nearly completed addition to the Precita Center and stole \$675 worth of carpenters' tools... A three person team of criminals have been committing armed robberies and burglaries from Army to Cortland for the last six months... go get 'em Ingelside Police.

While we are on crime: Why doesn't the S.F.P.D. ever bust the fencing operations?

Had enough *Bad News* yet? Well, there is more... the *Bernal Journal* is being eaten up by inflation; last issue went in the red by 200 bucks! Seems now they need an ad manager and a distribution coordinator (and maybe a Sugar Daddy?).

The Wastewater Program is already costing us an arm and a leg; now the Water Dept. wants to raise fees to pay for water main replacements Downtown... and what about Bernal's ancient mains and fire hydrant gaps?? □

by K.M. Esposito

Health Center #3 at 1525 Silver Ave. is in danger. In an article in *The Progress* in early March, Dr. Mervyn Silverman said that the possibility of closing the health center is not out of the question in the light of budget cuts facing the city. When will it stop? There are many people who rely on Health Center 3 for health screening, senior services, well baby clinics, birth control information and school inoculations for children. Other services include public health nurses visits to schools and homes. There are also clinics that help people identify problems early, before serious problems occur, including nutrition, stop smoking, street management and others. Write the Good Doctor and let him know that you don't want ANY cutbacks in services. Also inform the supervisor and the Mayor:

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Also call 468-3664 to join Friends of Health Center #3 and join the fight to Save Our Services! □

John Brucato, founder of the FARMER'S MARKET in 1942, is looking for neighbors to sit on a CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE, especially to plan the ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION in August. Talk to Mr. Brucato on Saturdays at the Market, or call Bruce or Linda at 282-5839.

Gay-Lesbian Coalition

by Tim Curbo

Seventy-five Bernal Gays and Lesbians and their friends held a Sunday brunch in February at the Wildside West Bar on Cortland Ave. The potluck was organized to give Gays and Lesbians in Bernal Heights and Holly Park a chance to meet each other to establish a sense of community on the Hill. A similar get-together was held at someone's home in March. Both gatherings revealed a very diverse group of people with a broad spectrum of ideas about the functions of a Gay/Lesbian coalition in Bernal Heights. The general consensus was to continue meeting each month in order to know each other better, and to introduce as many persons as possible to the group. It was felt that the organization should be kept informal, and that specific needs and/or problems be dealt with as they arise. Social events are projected for late April and May. Any interested persons are encouraged to contact Nancy White at Wildside West, 424 Cortland, phone 647-3099, or Tim Curbo at 285-2780, for details about upcoming functions. □

8 Checker Blooms Amidst The Buttercups

BERNAL HEIGHTS NATURAL HISTORY

by Barbara M. Pitschel

As I write this, much of our hill is blanketed by a wonderful assortment of yellow flowers: California Buttercup; the ubiquitous Goldfields (primary source of the hill's golden hue); Johnny-jump-ups (the violet-shaped wild pansy that looks like a miniature garden pansy); Sun Cups (fewer but no less beautiful), Wild Parsley (rapidly going to seed). In this sea of yellow, it should not be difficult to spot the pink blossoms of Checker Bloom or Wild Hollyhock, even though it is less abundant.

The plant's scientific name is *Sidalcea malvaeflora*, which refers to the Mallow Family (MALVACEAE) to which it belongs. It shares the family with such unlikely relatives as Cheese Weed (a now common pest in this area, originally introduced from Europe); Cotton; Okra (which is itself strange, being in the same genus as the beautiful Hibiscus); and, of course, the garden Hollyhock.

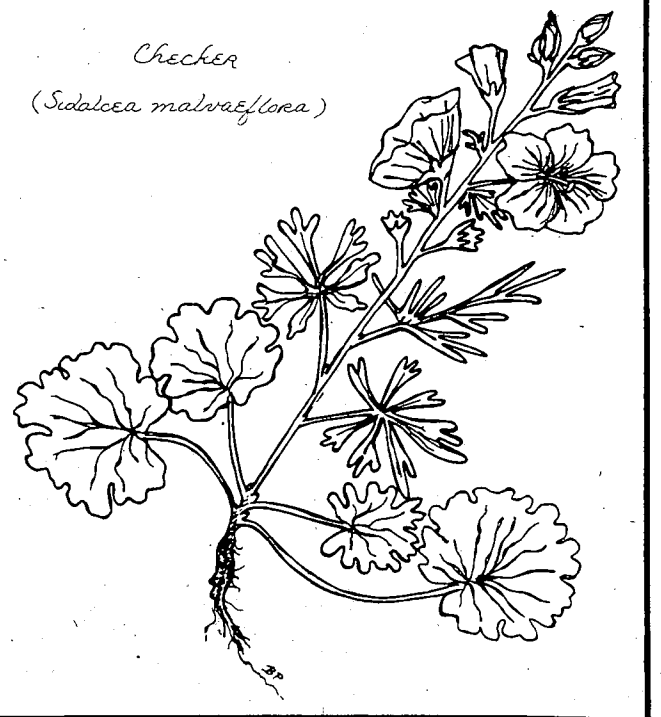
Many species and subspecies of *Sidalcea* exist throughout California. These are often extremely difficult to distinguish due to the subtlety of the differences (e.g., hairiness, petal size, etc.), as well as the facility with which hybridization occurs in overlapping ranges. Our task is simplified, however, in that *Sidalcea malvaeflora* is the only species found in San Francisco.

It is strange that, although differences between species are infinitesimal, great variety can occur within a single species as a result of habitat differences. On Bernal Hill flower stems, usually at least a foot long, tend

to be decumbent or trailing, probably flattened by the wind. In sheltered habitats, stems are often more erect, resembling a delicate version of the garden Hollyhock.

There is great variety in leaf shape on each plant. Basal leaves are scalloped, while stem leaves tend to be deeply lobed, but variations between these two extremes are possible and common.

There are also two distinct types of flowers, but these are borne on separate plants. Large pink flowers contain both male and female flower parts (stamens and pistils), botanically termed "perfect flowers." (Although they do have filaments, the stems of stamens, they lack the pollen-bearing anthers, and are thus infertile as male flowers.) *Sidalcea* species are unique in the form of the stamens, which occur in double tubes, one inside the other. As can be seen from the illustration, flowers are borne along the upper stem in loose racemes.



Checker
(*Sidalcea malvaeflora*)

In past years this plant has been abundant on the west slope between the middle and low trails. It is growing there this year as well, but an excellent and easily accessible colony of plants may be seen above Ellsworth Street, slightly north of the crest trail. Look for the pink flowers.

It is worth considering, when trying to spot this plant, that the common name, Checker, was originally chosen to describe the fact that it appeared to blanket California fields like the red squares on a checkerboard. I hope we can not only preserve those plants that remain, but also foster conditions that will enable native plant species to return to such levels of abundance.

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- 3 eggs, beaten
- salt, pepper, garlic to taste
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Steam or gently boil zucchini, unpeeled and uncut, approximately 5-7 minutes till soft. Remove gently and put in a bowl, so the skin doesn't break and lose the juices and vitamins. Cut ends off. Mash in the bowl. Add eggs, rice, cheese, onion and seasonings and blend thoroughly. Butter a flat baking dish and pour in the mixture. Bake at 350° approximately 35 minutes till a light brown crust forms all over. This should serve 4-6 people. ENJOY!!

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JARVIS/JAWS II

by Tim Curbo

On June 3 California voters will be considering Proposition 9 (also known as Jarvis II, or *Jaws II*). Howard Jarvis, co-author of Proposition 13, passed by California voters in June of 1978 is also behind Prop. 9. Essentially, Proposition 9 would cut state income taxes by 50%, resulting in a \$4.9 billion dollar yearly loss in State income. This fact, coupled with the State's ongoing struggle to deal with the nearly \$7 billion a year loss caused by Proposition 13, necessitates that we the voters be well aware of the projected effects of Proposition 9.

By law the State's budget must be balanced: the state's income must cover what it spends. Fortunately, during the mid-seventies, the State's income was greater than its expenses and California accumulated a surplus of \$3.7 billion by 1978 when Proposition 13 was passed. Due to Prop. 13, the budget was cut, but State expenses were greater than State income by almost \$1 billion. To balance the State budget, the \$1 billion was taken from the surplus funds. At this rate, the surplus funds will probably be exhausted by 1980-81, and the State will finally have to deal fully with the effects of Proposition 13. Inevitably, it will mean more cutbacks in State services to balance the budget.

The revenue loss from Proposition 9 is almost one-fourth of the State budget. Applied across the board, this means 25% cuts in education, health, and welfare, the State's primary budget allocations. (During the current year, the state will spend about \$2.8 billion on higher education, and \$6.9 billion on K-12, for a total of \$9.7 billion, 52% of the current budget. Health and Welfare costs total \$5.9 billion, 32% of the budget.) In terms of local services, this means more cuts where it hurts: in police and fire services, in our overcrowded schools; fewer services for the elderly, blind and disabled; further deterioration of state mental health programs, shorter library hours, even worse street maintenance, etc. In an attempt to

prevent this, local governments will have to enact a series of new fees and special assessments. Some special local programs, such as state funded childcare, will be irreversibly damaged because the withdrawal of state funds means the loss of federal matching funds.

These reductions in local services most directly affect lower and middle income persons. Ironically, these are the taxpayers least benefitted by Proposition 9's tax cuts. Statistics show that 55% of the tax savings will go to the 10% of California's population that is most wealthy. The myth of tax savings is further deflated because the Federal Government will receive up to \$1.5 billion more in tax revenues from Californians, due to a decline in their federal tax deductions by the amount saved on Prop 9.

It will demand a unified effort to defeat Proposition 9. Register yourself, your friends and your neighbors to vote. The Registrar of Voters must have your voter registration form by May 3, 1980, 30 days prior to the election. Discuss this proposition with friends and neighbors; let them know what it can mean to them directly if state funds for local services are cut by 25%. Support one of the numerous coalitions against Prop 9. The Bernal Heights Community Foundation at 647-4255 has a list of these groups. And finally, vote on June 3, 1980 against Proposition 9. ☐

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They learn that there are people who are interested in them, who like to play and work with them.

JA: What about the teenagers? How do they benefit from their work with the children?

AO'G: They develop wonderful relationships with the kids they work with. The children value them, and the teenagers feel that they're doing something important, something that's needed. They learn how to relate well with people they work with. They develop a sense of responsibility.

A lot of the teenagers who've come through the program have found a field to go into; some have decided to go into childcare or to become teachers. The training and experience they receive in Brothers and Sisters United prepares them for jobs they will have later. Recently a number of them have been coming back to me for letters of recommendation for all kinds of jobs. I know these young people will do well in their future jobs.

Another enjoyable part of our summer program is the field trips we go on. We go to Marine World and Marriotts Great America. The trip that's the greatest success is the one we take to the State Fair in Sacramento.

JA: Where can young people who would like to become involved in Brothers and Sisters United find you?

AO'G: We're in the process of renting a center on Cortland now. We plan to have an open house early in June, and the entire community will be invited.

JA: Is there anything else you would like to say about Brothers and Sisters United?

AO'G: Yes, there is. We've recently received a grant from the Rosenberg Foundation that will allow us to develop and strengthen our program, and we're very pleased about that.

I'd also like to give thanks to several people who are helping to keep Brothers and Sisters United going. Sally Green is our president. Naomi Larkin is our secretary. Myrtle Walker is our coordinator, and Roger Jenson is our attorney. We're all looking forward to a good summer with the young people of Bernal Heights. ☐

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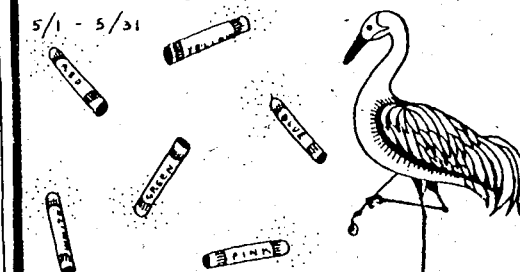
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Phoenix in the Spring



Photo by Barbara Bagot
Al Holland's 1980 performance could make critics of the Madlock trade eat their baseball caps.

by Barbara Bagot

Some of us just can't wait till Opening Day—especially with the ominous *Strike Two* warming up in the bullpen. What can a baseball fan do to satisfy the need? Well this one headed down to Phoenix, Arizona for a therapeutic dose of sunshine and the *summer game*.

Have to admit that the Giants looked better among the cactus. New batting coach Jim Lefebvre has added slugging expertise and all-around enthusiasm to the team that batted 11th in the National League last year. The sorry '79 Giants ranked 8th in run

production, compared to the Dodgers' #2 finish in that category—and guess who *their* batting instructor was... Lefebvre has a "take charge" attitude, is respected by the players and just may help motivate the Giants to a respectable 1980 season.

At the A's desert home in Scottsdale, where there's more fan enthusiasm than in Oakland during "the glory years," manager Billy Martin has brought new hope to the sad sacks of '79. His fighting spirit (*no pun intended*) and back-to-basics-but-try-anything-once strategy will pull the A's out of the AL West cellar. That is, of course, if he and Mr. Finley can peacefully coexist (past the All-Star break?).

Too bad young Jeff Cox didn't make it through the cuts. This rookie infielder graduated from the *Pete Rose School of Hustling*. Also hope to see talented Craig Minetto make it up to Oakland sometime this summer. He gave the A's a touch of class—especially when he blanked the Yankees in his debut as a starter last April.

Had a most inspiring talk with Don Newcombe—former Dodger and the first black pitcher in the majors—who spends each spring visiting different training camps talking to teams about his alcoholism. Newcombe, who hasn't had a drink in 14 years, said that this season 100 ballplayers



Photo by Barbara Bagot
Catcher Mike Heath seeks advice from the A's new Numero Uno, Billy Martin, between innings at Scottsdale Stadium.

have admitted to him that they have a drinking problem. "Bobby Welch (*the L.A. pitcher who "dried out" over the winter*) knew he was in trouble—he was looking for help for three years." Newcombe added, "What infuriates me is people in charge who have a problem and build up a wall of defense around themselves and the team." This refers to Billy Martin and his coach Clete Boyer, who did not lay out the welcome mat for Newcombe. "We've been treating the addiction and we should be treating the ignorance."

Food for thought in anticipation of the inevitable strike... Most fans are livid at the players for making so much money. But let's not forget while we're paying more this year to get frostbite at Candlestick, that the owners make more money than several affluent ballplayers combined. □



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The following shows will be:

• Maria Schweiger—Paintings and Drawings, May 5-29, Reception Friday May 9, 6-9 p.m.

• Guy Caldwell, May 30 - June 23.

• Nanny Goat Gallery is planning an Art Festival in Precita Park on July 6. All artists are welcome to enter. For more information call Roy Lizama at 285-8089 in the evenings and weekends.

St. Kevin's Summer of Love program is open to all kids in grades 1 through 9, and it runs from July 14 till August 8. Registration is from May 1 through Festival Weekend (May 17 & 18).

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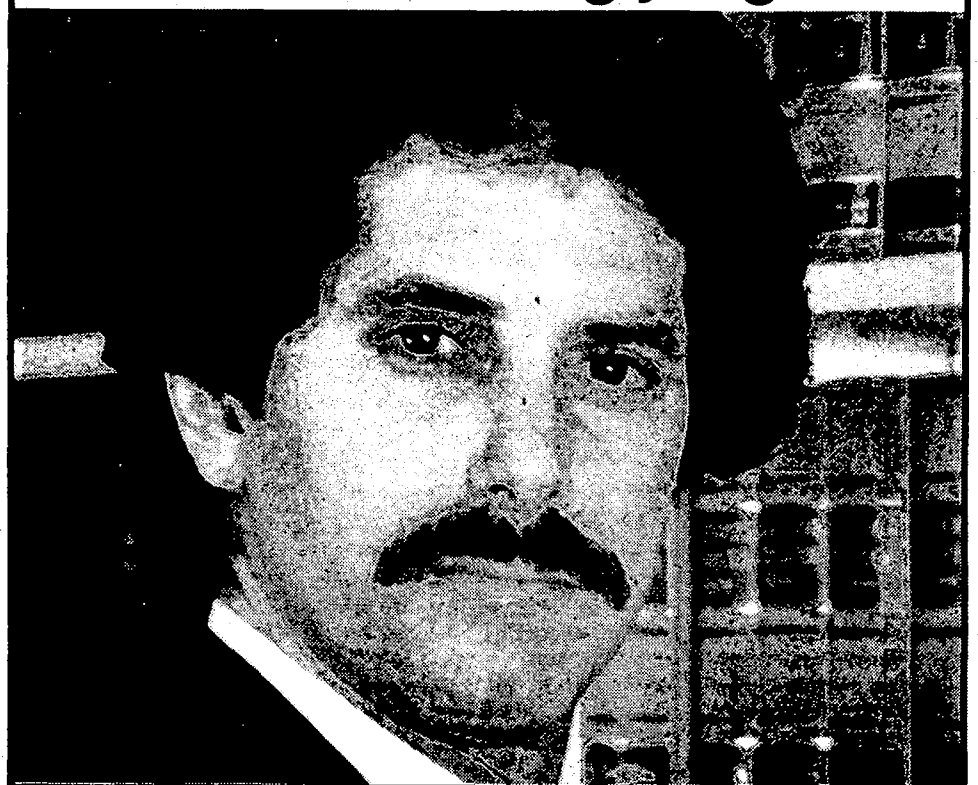
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